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4. KOREA. North Korean guard unit continues to report progress at truce talks: Items three, four and five in the truce negotiations have been progressing with "great effect" as of 20 February, according to a staff officer of the North Korean regiment guarding the truce talks area. Another message of 22 February, probably from the same source, reported that "having seen their (the UN's) great enthusiasm today, it looks as if there will be an agreement in the truce results." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Co Korea, SK-G-725, 23 Feb; 330th Comm Recon Co Korea, ALT-408, 23 Feb 52)

Comment: The impressions of the North Korean guard force in the neutral zone do not represent high-level Communist thinking. They do, however, represent a relatively informed opinion from enemy sources.

5. North Koreans report on their east coast island landing: A successful landing on Yangdo island on 20 February, resulting in the "annihilation of the enemy," was reported by an unidentified North Korean naval unit. The sender admitted, however, that on another nearby island the enemy (ROK marines) were "still fighting . . . using heavy fire power." A later message stated that "our eight wooden boats struck a mine and were unexpectedly attacked by two enemy destroyers. 63 men were lost." (SUEDE 501st Comm Recon Co Korea, 15RSM/6837 and 15RSM/6831, 24 Feb 52)

Comment: The attack against Yangdo, north of Songjin in northeastern Korea, is the second attempt on the part of the North Koreans to eliminate UN guerrilla and espionage

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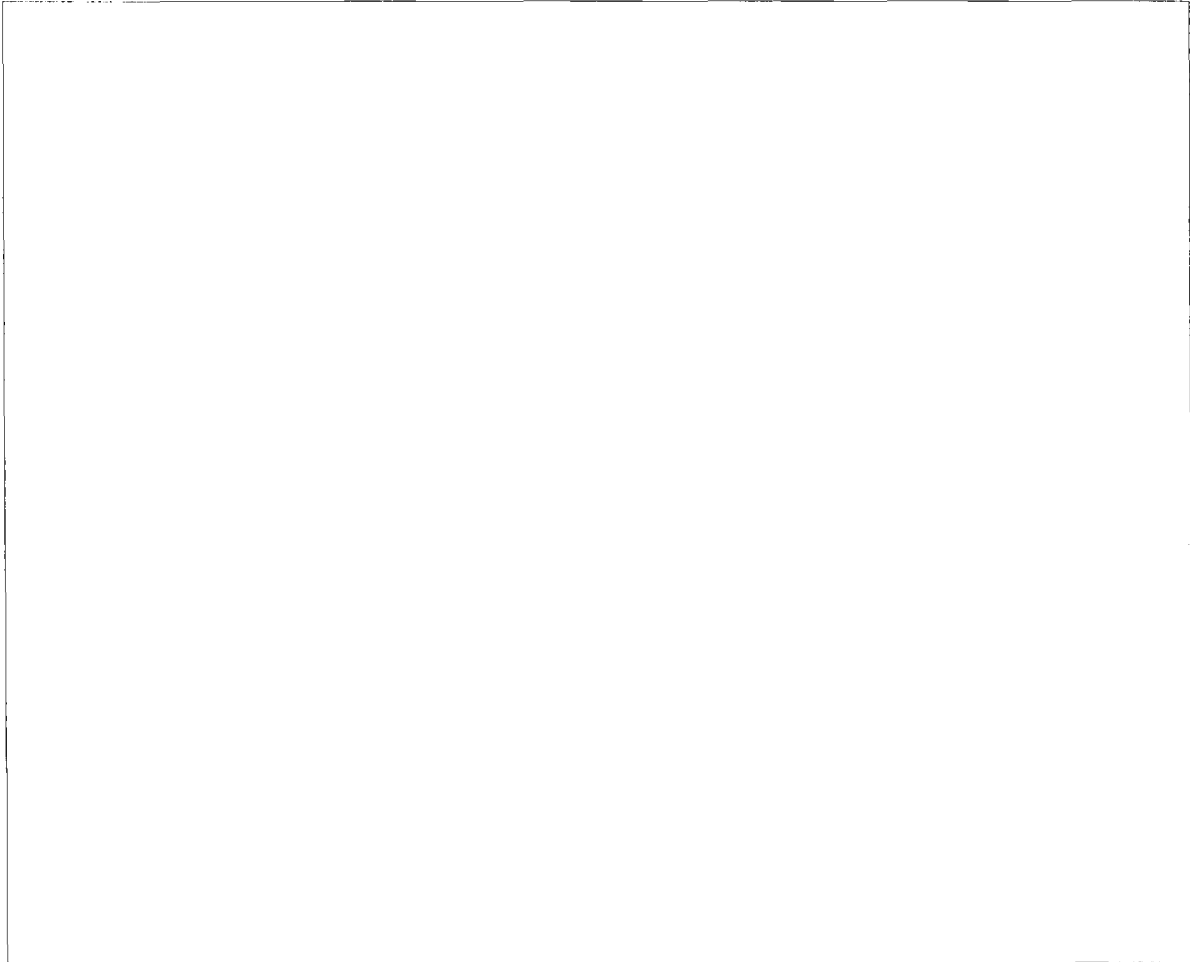
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bases on the east coast. Unlike their highly successful campaign on the west coast, both Communist efforts have met with failure. According to press accounts, the enemy landing force of battalion size was repulsed with heavy losses and the battalion commander was taken prisoner.



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